[*Translation*]

'Urjagram' Yojana

*366. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed under 'Urjagram Yojana during this last year, State-wise;

(b) the extent to which these targets have been achieved;

(c) whether the Government have included the Darbhanga district of Bihar under this Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Annual Plan for 1990–91 envisaged 25 urjagram projects, to be taken up in various States. No State-wise target was fixed. The projects are sanctioned based on proposals initiated by the State nodal agencies. During 1990–91, 34 urjagram projects were sanctioned.

(b) Nineteen projects were completed during the year. This is out of the total number of projects under execution, including previous sanctions.

(c) and (d). No proposal has so far been received for an urjagram project in Darbhanga district.

Electrification of Rural Areas

*367. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIOANL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for electrifying the villages in the country;

(b) whether electrification undertaken by the State Governments is according to these norms;

(c) whether any suggestion has been received by the Union Government to make some amendments in these norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e). While targets for electrification of villages are fixed each year by the Planning Commission taking into the availability of funds and other resources, rural electrification activities in the State(s) are formulated and executed by the respective State Electricity Board(s)/Electricity Department(s) according to the priorities fixed by them and no norms, as such, have been fixed by the Central Government for electrifying the villages in the country. No suggestions have been received by Government for amendment to the norms for Rural Electrification Programmes being undertaken by State Electricity Boards/State Government Departments.

[*English*]

Supply of Newsprint by Russia

3716. SHRI R. SURENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russia has agreed to supply newsprint to India against the supply of Indian goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the